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## **CLAIMS AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-2 (cancelled) Claim 3 (cancelled) Claim 4 (cancelled) 5. (currently amended) An isolated leptin receptor (OB-R) polypeptide which is OB-Re (SEQ ID NO:10), or allelic variants thereof. Claim 6 (cancelled) 7. (currently amended) An isolated leptin receptor (OB-R) polypeptide of amino acids 28-805 of SEQ ID NO: 10, or allelic variants thereof. Claim 8 (cancelled) 9. (currently amended) An isolated A soluble leptin receptor which is selected from OB-Re (SEQ ID NO:10) and amino acids 28-805 of SEQ ID NO:10. Claims 10-62 (cancelled) 63. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a soluble leptin receptor according to claim 9, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Claims 64-65 (cancelled)